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IN RE APPLICATION OF :
KIYOSHI FUDA ET AL : ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION
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FOR: TREATMENT PROCESS OF
FLUORINE COMPOUND

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as shown on the marked-up copy following this amendment to read as follows:

3. (Amended) The treatment process of the solution containing the fluorine compound and the polymer containing fluorine according to claim 1, the process further comprising,

A1 adjusting pH of the solution to more than 4,
precipitating the layered double hydroxide having the fluorine compound between layers and the polymer containing fluorine compound.